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# MOUNT COTTRELL SHEEP WASH

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## Location

1520-1570 MOUNT COTTRELL ROAD MOUNT COTTRELL, MELTON CITY

## Municipality

MELTON CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0141

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO105

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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### Historical Significance

The site is presently assessed as holding a medium historical significance predominantly due to the need for further research. In its current state the site itself does give a good indication of how sheep were dandled in this particular area. With a bit of work this site could easily be made functional and used as a display example of 19th century sheep husbandry techniques.

### Interpretation of Site

The site certainly appears to be associated with sheep washing and farming generally. The dressed bluestone structure, lined well and quantities of 19th century glass and ceramic artefacts suggest occupation of the site, possibly by a shephard or shearers. It may even be a small homestead.

Archaeological Significance      The archaeological significance of the site is assessed as medium, but with potential for high with further research. Much of the site remains are in quite good condition. The well and the domestic ruins are interesting and archaeological excavation of these two areas may reveal useful historical information regarding early farming practices and sheep husbandry.

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